**Promotion of contract farming**

2877. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken a decision to mechanise farming by promoting contract farming;

(b) if so, whether lesser number of labourers will be required in mechanized farming;

(c) the social and financial benefits likely to accrue by this method of farming;

(d) the names of the States where contract farming has been started;

(e) whether the entry of several multi-national companies in agriculture sector has become easy after the promotion of the contract farming in the country;

(0 if so, the names of the multi-national companies entered in this field, so far; and

(g) the areas of land which has been taken under the contract farming, so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA): (a) and (b) Contract farming does not by itself require mechanization and as such the question of this method resulting in loss of employment opportunities does not arise.

(c) and (d) In our country contract farming has considerable potential where small and marginal farmers can not be competitive without access to modern technologies and support. The contractual agreement with the farmer, provides access to production services, credit, knowledge of new technology and an assured market. As a measure of promoting contract farming the Ministry suggested amendment to the State Agricultural Produce Marketing (Regulation) Act (APMC Act). The States have been advised to provide an institutional arrangement, as envisaged in the Model Act, namely the State Agricultural Produce Marketing (Development and Regulation) Act, 2003 as circulated by the Ministry, for registration of sponsoring companies, recording of Contract Farming Agreement, indemnity to farmers' land and lay down a time bound dlspute resolution

mechanism. Contract farming is. in vogue in a number of States such as Karnataka, Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh, Punjab, Tamil Nadu, Chhattisgarh, Uttaranchal, Haryana, Andhra Pradesh, Gujarat, Orissa, Rajasthan and West Bengal.

(e) to (g) The details of Companies engaged in contract farming arrangements and the area covered under different crops is given in the Statement.

***Statement***

*Status of Contract Farming*

| SI. No. | Name of the State | Agency (Sponsor of contract farming) | Commodities covered | Area covered (in Hectares) |
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| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 1. | Andhra Pradesh | Cotton Corporation of India (CCI) | Cotton | 1215 |
| | | Aduri Natural Products, ACE Agrotech, Caricorn Natural Products, Mahendra & Mahendra | Gherkins | 3239 |
| | | Cadbury India Limited | Cocoa | 8097 |
| | | Godrej, Palm Tech, SICAL, Simhapuri Industry & Radhika Vegetable oil Industries etc. | Oil palm | |
| | | ITC Limited | Oriental Tobacco | 567 |
| | | Dabur India Ltd. | Medicinal Plants & herbs | - |
| | | Global Greens | Baby corn, paprica | |
| 2. | Chhattisgarh | Godrej Agrovet Company | Maize | 230 |
| | | BEC Company | Tomato | - |
| 3. | Gujarat | Atreyas Agro Organic Pvt. Ltd., Gandhi Nagar, | Jetropha plant | 8097 |
| | | Me cain | Potato | - |
| | | Agrovell Pvt Ltd. (Kutch Distt.) | Organic Cotton | 1012 |
| 4. | Haryana | Ivon Exchange Pune, Maharashtra (Distt. Ambala) | Basmati | 8 |
| | | Ivon Exchange Pune, Maharashtra (Distt. Kurukshetra) | Basmati | 40 |

| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
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| | | K.D. Seeds Ltd. & Mahyco seeds Pvt Ltd. (Distt. Kurukshetra) | Wheat, | 60 |
| | | Agraocel Industries Ltd under agrocel certified organic farming project | Basmati | 279 |
| | | HSDC, Pataudi | Wheat, Barley | 9 |
| | | India Malt Industries Gurgaon Distt. Rohtak | Barley | 69 |
| 5 | Himachal Pradesh | NFC, Himalya International and Dabur India Ltd. | Basal and Thyme, Medicinal plants and herbs | |
| 6. | Karnataka | KAPEEC, Banglore | Gherkins | 15671 |
| 7. | Kerala | Nadukkara agro Processing Company (Distt. Moovattupuzha Ernakulum) | Pine apple | |
| | | Vegetable and fruits promotion council Keralam | Banana | |
| 8. | Madhya Pradesh | Veg-O-fresh Ltd. Indore, Frito-Lay India, Pepsico India Ltd, Bikanerwala foods, Jain Irrigation, Jalgaon, Industries Mandsaur (MP), Raj. International Indore, Kannan & Co. Indore. | Potato Brown, Onion, Garlic, Coriander | |
| | | Marico | Safflower | |
| | | Rallis, Dabur | Wheat, Medicinal Plants and herbs | |
| 9. | Maharashtra | NDDB-ION Exchange | Organic Banana | |
| | | Ecofarms, Vidharbha organic farming association (Yavamatal) | Organic Cotton | |
| | | Mahyco-Mahindra | Hybrid seeds | |
| | | Jain Irrigation, Jalgaon | Onion | |
| | | Trikaya foods-(Pune/Mumbai) | Exotic Vegetables | |
| | | ION Exchange-(Sidhudurg) | Cashewnut, Mango | |
| | | Hindustan lever Ltd.-(Satara) | Wheat | |
| | | Chikky producer-(pune) | Groundnut | |
| | | Deccan flora, Kumar genetics | Flowers | |
| | | Pepsi Co India Holding Pvt. Ltd (Frito-lay Division) | Potato | |

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| 10. | Orissa | Orissa State seeds Corporation | Paddy, Maize, Ragi, Green Gram, Arhar, Sesamum, Groundnut, Niger, Mustard, Vegetables | 7889 |
| | | M/s J K Papers | Eucaluptus | 11 |
| | | M/s Shakti Sugars Ltd. | Sugarcane | 80 |
| | | M/s Bilati Orissa | Tomato | 320 |
| | | M/s ITC Ltd. | Turmeric, Coriander and Chillies | 140 |
| 11 | Punjab | Punjab Agro Foodgrains Corporation Ltd. | Maize, Barley, Durum wheat, Sunflower, Hyola, Moog, Basmati, Guar, and castor | 100810 |
| | | Frito lay (Pepsi) | Potato | |
| | | AM todd | Mint | |
| | | Vardhman | Cotton | |
| | | United Brewaries | Barley | |
| 12 | Rajasthan | M/s HLL, | Tomato | |
| | | M/s Rajtech Agro | Exotic vegetables | 8 |
| 13 | Tamil Nadu | Appachi Cotton Company | Cotton | 538 |
| | | Royal Classic Mills | Cotton | 2322 |
| | | Super Spinning Mills | Cotton | 894 |
| | | Rich fields Solutions | Maize | 384 |
| | | Cooperative Sugar Mills | Sugarcane | 300,000 |
| | | Pepsico | Seaweed | |
| | | EID Perry | Paddy (Branded rice ponni) | |
| | | Suguna, Pioneer, Shri, Venkateshwara Hatcheries, Swathi Hatcheries | Broiler | |
| | | Vardhman, Prime Bio Products | Cotton, Maize, Sunflower | |
| | | Golden fries Ltd. | Potato | |
| | | Century Agrotech | Jatropha | |
| | | M/s Mohan Brewaries and Distilleries Limited, Coimbatore | Jatropha | 119 |
| | | M/s Shiva Distilleries Limited, Coimbatore | Jatropha | 414 |

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| | | M/s Dharani sugars and Chemicals Limited, Chennai | Jatropha | - |
| | | M/s River way Agro Products limited, Chennai | Jatropha | 160 |
| | | Cauvery Palm Oil Limited, Tirchirapalli | Oil Palm | 330 |
| 14. | Uttar Pradesh | Frito lay (Pepsi) | Potato | - |
| | | Rallis | Basmati | |
| | | Dabur | Medicinal plants and herbs | |
| | | Wimco | Popular | |
| 15. | West Bengal | Pepsico India Holding Private Ltd. (Frito-lay Division) | Potato | 20.24 |
| | | Callipso Bengal Foods Private Ltd., Jalpaiguri. | Pineapple, Gherkin | - |

**Suicides**

2878. DR. NARAYAN SINGH MANAKLAO: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there are no conclusive figures on the numbers of farmers' suicides in the country;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) if not, the details of the statistics relating to farmers' suicides, State-wise and year-wise since 2000;

(d) whether Government feel the need for a proper suicide census in the country to-effectively address the problem; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTILAL BHURIA): (a) to (e) The figures on the number of farmers' suicide are obtained by the State Governments concerned. As reported by the State Governments, the number of suicide by farmers is given in the Statement (See below).

A proper database on suicide by farmers in the country is required to understand the nature of the problem the factors prompting them to commit suicide, and accordingly arrive at the remedial measures to prevent its recurrence.